

Wisconsin Legislature

P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708

March 22, 2010

Attorney General JB Van Hollen
114 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Attorney General Van Hollen,

We write to you today following yesterday's health care vote in Congress to ask you to join other state attorneys general throughout the US in bringing action against the federal government to stop the enactment of this national health care scheme.

As you know, the plan passed by Congress imposes a fine on individuals who do not choose to buy health care coverage. Serious constitutional concerns have been raised about this provision. We request that you review this portion of the bill and take all necessary actions in your power to protect Wisconsin citizens from a potentially unconstitutional tax.

Additionally, the legislation is lined with sweetheart deals designed to garner the votes of reluctant members of Congress. One of the most egregious, known as the Cornhusker Kickback, funds Nebraska's Medicaid program fully while requiring the remaining 49 states to continue funding a portion of their plans. This special deal has also raised constitutional questions with many. We ask that you research this provision, as well, and take action if necessary.

Further, this scheme involves an enormous unfunded mandate on the states. We ask that you work on behalf of Wisconsin to protect the sovereignty granted us under the 10th Amendment. Wisconsin has one of the worst budget deficits in the country as well as one of the highest insured rates. Adding potentially hundreds millions more in costs could have a devastating effect on our already dismal fiscal picture.

Finally, the Federal health care bill is so large and unmanageable that it's possible there may be other areas of constitutional concern. Please review the legislation for any aspect of unconstitutionality and take action as you see fit.

We understand that in order for you to join any lawsuit against this federal legislation you will need authorization from the Governor or one house of the legislature. We stand prepared to support a resolution providing you the authorization to challenge any and all unconstitutional provisions contained in the health care bill.

We ask that you please report back to us as soon as possible with the results of your review of the constitutional questions raised by this legislation.

We appreciate your attendance to this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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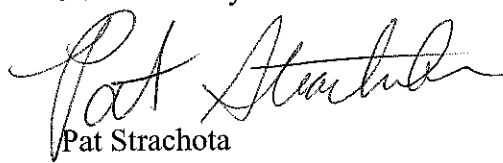


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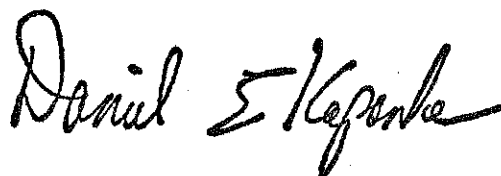
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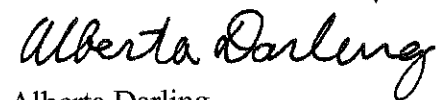
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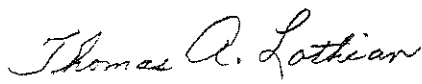
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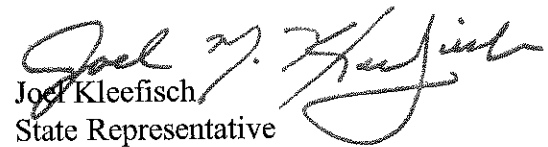

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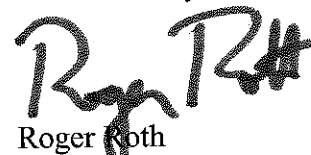
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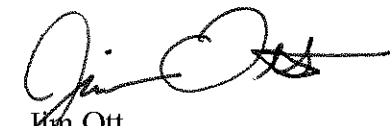

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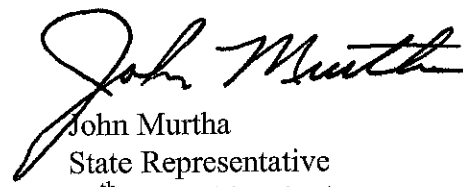

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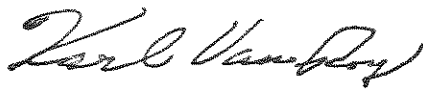

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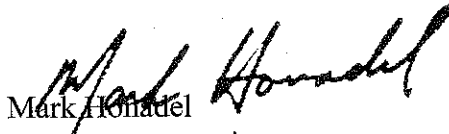

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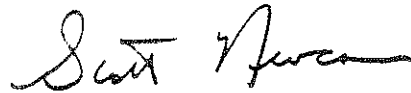
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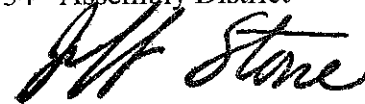


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